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- ☒ In accordance with Applicant(s)'s duty of disclosure, Applicant additionally herewith submits the following information. It is Applicant's understanding that a system was offered for sale more than one year prior to the filing date of this application. This system was the subject of a letter, dated February 12, 1997, of a proposal to sell an automatic scanning acoustic scanning

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microscope for wafer inspection, said system including Sonix HiSPEED acoustic scanning system with wafer analysis WaferPro software with graphical user interface, manual loading "Automatic Defect Ink Marking system", and Automatic "load/unload-inking marking" robot station to be provided by a third party. This letter is attached hereto. This statement does not constitute an admission that this system referred to therein is "prior art" or "material" to this invention or any application for patent for this invention.

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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that other information that may be material as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 and MPEP §609. In addition, the Examiner is requested to conduct a thorough independent search in order to bring the best references available forward in this application.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

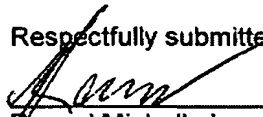
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